



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor

David M. Apatang
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

20 MAY 2024

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The Honorable Karl R. King-Nabors
Chairman
Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950



Ⓟ 5/22/24

Dear Mr. Chairman and Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Local Bill No. 23-43, D1** entitled, "To amend Tinian Local Law 23-7; and for other purposes." The bill was passed unanimously by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes **Tinian Local Law No. 23-11**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,

ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Governor

TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE
RECEIVED BY
DATE 5/22/2024 TIME 4:02p

cc: Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Commonwealth Law Revision; Secretary of Finance; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan; Tinian Municipal Treasury; Programs & Legislative Review Office

5/21/24
@ 11:00 am



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2024**

HOUSE LOCAL BILL NO. 23-43, D1

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To amend Tinian Local Law 23-7; and for other purposes.

OFFERED BY

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas

Prefiled on March 21, 2024

Introduced and was Referred to

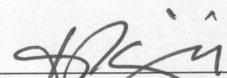
House Way and Means Committee on March 28, 2024

HOUSE ACTION

Transmitted to Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action on
May 2, 2024

DELEGATION ACTION

Referred to:	None
Comments Solicited:	5/2/24: Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan [Del. Matters 23-55] & Tinian & Aguiguan Municipal Council [Del. Matters 23-53]
Comments Received:	5/3/24: Mayors Comm. 23-47
Standing Committee Report:	None
Passed First & Final Reading:	May 10, 2024 w/Draft 1



Frances Joan R. Kaipat
Delegation Clerk



**TINIAN AND AGUIGUAN LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION
SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2024

H. L. B. 23-43, D1

**A LOCAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR AN ACT
FOR THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT**

To amend Tinian Local Law 23-7; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT DELEGATION PURSUANT
TO CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, TITLE 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH CODE:**

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2 The purpose of this Act is to amend Tinian Local Law 23-7 to adjust the poker fee funds
3 appropriated by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

4 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS.**

5 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the contrary, the
6 Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby amends Tinian Local Law 23-7 as follows:

7 (A) The title is amended to read:

8 "To appropriate \$188,903.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the
9 Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes."

10 (B) Section 1 is amended to read:

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1 “SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

2 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate One Hundred Eighty-Eight
3 Thousand Nine Hundred Three dollars (\$188,903.00) from revenues collected from
4 poker fees in the Second Senatorial District. The certification of funds was prepared
5 on November 29, 2023, and was reviewed and confirmed by the Secretary of
6 Finance. This appropriation of local funds is not part of the FY 2024 Budget Act.
7 Therefore, this local appropriation of local poker fees does not contravene 1 CMC
8 § 7401 and 1 CMC § 7204(d) or any other provision of the CNMI Budget Act.”

9 (C) Section 2 is amended to read:

10 “SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS.

11 Notwithstanding any provision(s) of law, statutes, rules or regulations to the
12 contrary and pursuant to funds allocated to the Second Senatorial District from
13 poker fees, the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation hereby appropriates
14 \$188,903.00 of the revenues collected for the Second Senatorial District from the
15 poker fees as follows:

16 (A) \$75,903 to the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan for operations,
17 professional service and fees, and public programs.

18 (B) \$40,000.00 to the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan discretionary
19 account.

20 (C) \$27,500.00 to the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board.

21 (D) \$1,500.00 to the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority-

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- 1 Tinian.
- 2 (E) \$10,000.00 to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation
- 3 operations.
- 4 (F) \$10,000.00 to the Tinian Casino Gaming Commission Personnel.
- 5 (G) \$7,500.00 to Tinian High School Senior Valedictorian (\$5,000.00)
- 6 and Salutatorian (\$2,500.00).
- 7 (H) \$5,000.00 to the Medical Supplemental Assistance Program.
- 8 (I) \$5,000.00 to Housing for Medical Referral Program.
- 9 (J) \$5,000.00 to the Displaced Medical Assistance Program.
- 10 (K) \$1,500.00 to the Tinian Municipal Council (3 Sub accounts).”
- 11 (D) Section 3 is amended to read as follows:
- 12 “SECTION 3. EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY.
- 13 (A) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(A), (B), (F), (G),
- 14 (H), (I) and (J) shall be the Mayor of Tinian and Aguiguan.
- 15 (B) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section 2(C) shall be the
- 16 Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board Chairperson.
- 17 (C) The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(D) shall be the Tinian
- 18 Municipal Council Chairperson.
- 19 (D) The expenditure authority for funds under Section 2(E) shall be the Tinian
- 20 and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation Chairperson.
- 21 (E) The expenditure authority for the funds under Section (K) shall be divided

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1 equally to the separate accounts of each member of the Tinian Municipal Council. Each
2 Municipal Council member shall be the expenditure authority of the funds distributed to
3 the respective separate accounts.

4 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

5 If any provision of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
6 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act
7 or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held
8 invalid shall not be affected thereby.

9 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

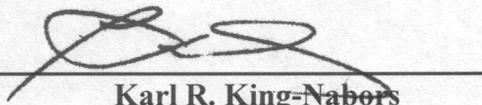
10 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any existing
11 right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation or
12 order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
13 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have the effect of
14 terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which shall already be in
15 existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

16 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or it becoming law without
18 such approval.

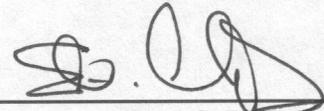
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CERTIFIED BY:



Karl R. King-Nabors
Chairman

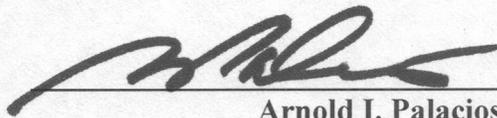
Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation



Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker

23rd House of Representatives

Approved this 20th day of May, 2024.



Arnold I. Palacios
Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Project Name LOCAL REVENUE-TINIAN POWER
 JDE Business Unit: 3001
 Project Ledger Project Number: RL17010010
 General Ledger Project Number: 3001

JDE Ending Actual Balance as of 02/28/23 (exception)
 FY21 Encumbrance in JDE
 Should be Beginning Balance in FY2022 (10/01/2021)

164,000.00	-	164,000.00
164,000.00	-	164,000.00

FY2022

Revenue
 JDE
 PL
 General Ledger

160,000.00	-	160,000.00
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Expenses

JDE as of 02/28/2022 (Current)
 Actual
 Encumbrance
 Project Ledger
 Actual
 Encumbrance

140,000.00	-	140,000.00
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Ending Balance FY2022

124,000.00	-	124,000.00
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FY2023

Revenue
 JDE
 Project Ledger
 General Ledger

164,000.00	-	164,000.00
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Expenses

Project Ledger
 Actual
 Encumbrance
 General Ledger
 Actual
 Encumbrance
 Funding Appropriation

60,000.00	-	60,000.00
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Ending Balance FY2023

208,000.00	-	208,000.00
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FY2024

Revenue
 JDE

12,000.00	-	12,000.00
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Expenses

Project Ledger
 Actual
 Encumbrance
 General Ledger
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 Encumbrance
 Funding Appropriation

124,000.00	-	124,000.00
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FY24 Remaining Balance as of

14000000

124,000.00	-	124,000.00
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Account Inquiry Total Revised Budget

208,000.00

Depreciate subject for all interest.

Prepared By: *[Signature]* 11/29/23
 Executive Director of Financial Services

Reviewed By: *[Signature]* 12-14-23
 Chief Financial Officer

Reviewed By: *[Signature]* 12/19/23
 Chief Accounting Officer

Compared By: *[Signature]* 12/15/23
 Executive Director of Financial Services

Approved By: *[Signature]* 12/21/23
 Mayor, Tinian, Territory of Guam

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 Patrick San Nicolas
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 12-21-2023



TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

P.O. BOX 500586 SAIPAN, MP 96950

RALPH N. YUMUL
CHAIRMAN

Adopted - 5/2/2024 *RM*
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-75
DATE: April 11, 2024
RE: House Local Bill No. 23-43

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Twenty-Third Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Capitol Hill
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

House Local Bill No. 23-43: "To amend Tinian Local Law 23-7; and for other purposes."

begs leave to report as follows:

I. RECOMMENDATION:

After conducting financial due diligence, your Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-43 be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action.

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DATE *4/26/2024* TIME *8:17 am*

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II. ANALYSIS:

A. Purpose:

The purpose of this Act is to amend Tinian Local Law 23-7 to adjust the poker fee funds appropriated by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation.

B. Committee Findings:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which House Local Bill No. 23-43: "To amend Tinian Local Law 23-7; and for other purposes" was referred, examined and confirmed that the amount specified in the local appropriation Act is accurate and available for appropriation. The Committee received the Certification of Local Revenue-Tinian Poker Funds from the Department of Finance dated December 20, 2023, certifying the availability of funds in the amount of \$188,903.00. Therefore, your Committee recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-43 be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action.

The Fund Certification has been attached as part of this committee report.

C. Legislative History:

House Local Bill 23-43 was introduced by Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas on March 28, 2024, and was subsequently referred to the House Standing Committee on Ways and Means for disposition.

III. CONCLUSION:

The Committee is content and confident with the certification of funds provided by the Department of Finance with respect to House Local Bill No. 23-43; therefore, it recommends that House Local Bill No. 23-43 be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation for action.

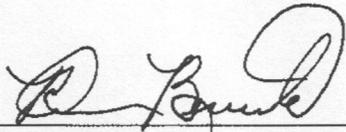
Respectfully submitted.

Rep. Ralph N. Yumul, Chairman



Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Vice Chair

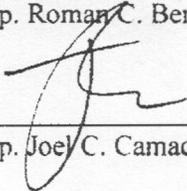
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Rep. Roman C. Benavente, Member



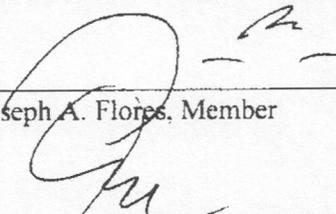
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Rep. Joel C. Camacho, Member

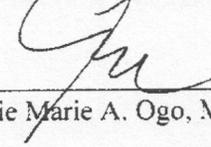
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Rep. Manny Gregory T. Castro, Member



Rep. Joseph A. Flores, Member

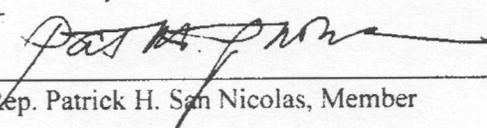
Rep. Thomas John DLC. Manglona, Member



Rep. Julie Marie A. Ogo, Member

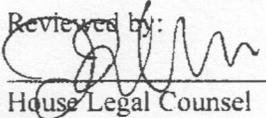


Rep. John Paul P. Sablan, Member



Rep. Patrick H. San Nicolas, Member

Rep. Denita K. Yangetmai, Member

Reviewed by:  4/15/24

House Legal Counsel

Attachment: Fund Certification dated December 20, 2023